

Remarks

Claims 1, 15 to 17, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rogers et al. (US 5,946,386).

Claims 2 to 14, 18 to 22, and 25 to 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 to 29 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 30 to 52 are added.

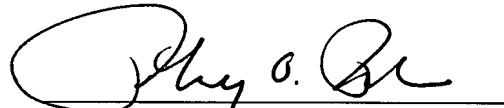
Claims 30 to 52 are pending in the application.

New claims 30 to 52 are deemed allowable subject matter as conforming to the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter as follows: claim 30 includes the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2; claim 31 includes the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 3; claim 32 includes the limitations of dependent claim 4 and depends on claim 31; claim 33 includes the limitations of dependent claim 5 and depends on claim 32; claim 34 includes the limitations of claim dependent 6 and depends on claim 32; claim 35 includes the limitations of dependent claim 7 and depends on claim 34; claim 36 includes the limitations of dependent claim 8 and depends on claim 35; claim 37 includes the limitations of dependent claim 9 and depends on claim 32; claim 38 includes the limitations of dependent claim 10 and depends on claim 32; claim 39 includes the limitations of dependent claim 11 and depends on claim 38; claim 40 includes the limitations of dependent claim 12 and depends on claim 38; claim 41 includes the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 13; claim 42 includes the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 14; claim 43 includes the limitations of independent claim 16 and dependent claim 18; claim 44 includes the limitations of dependent claim 19 and depends on claim 43; claim 45 includes the limitations of independent claim 16 and dependent claim 20; claim 46 includes the limitations of dependent claim 21 and depends on claim 45; claim 47 includes the limitations of independent claim 16 and dependent claim 22; claim 48 includes the limitations of independent claim 23 and dependent claim 25; claim 49 includes the limitations of dependent claim 26 and depends on claim 48; claim 50 includes the limitations of independent claim 23 and dependent claim 27; claim 51 includes the limitations of dependent claim 28 and depends on claim 50; and claim 52 includes the limitations of independent claim 23 and dependent claim 29.

Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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